

Johannes Parلمان House
Lower Montville, Morris County, New Jersey

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Owners: Herbert H. Clark
585 East 29 Street
Paterson, New Jersey

Florence C. Turner
548 Fourteenth Avenue
Paterson, New Jersey

Clifton F. Leatherbee
100 Prince Street
W. Newton, Massachusetts

Date of Erection: West section main unit about 1755; east section main unit probably pre-revolutionary; half story frame unit over two earlier stone units and older half of frame wing about 1820; rest of frame addition of later date

Architect:

Builder: Two stone units Johannes Parlaman; half story frame addition and older half of frame wing James Doremus

Present Condition: Good

Number of Stories: Two

Materials of Construction: Foundation - stone

Exterior walls - first floor
main unit stone, rest frame
construction including wings

Interior walls - plaster

Inside brick chimneys

Roof - pitch

Historical Data:

This house was built on a one hundred acre tract which was originally part of a much larger tract

taken up by John Reading on the Rockaway River about 1715. Reading in 1728 granted to Michael Schurts a one hundred acre tract which he in turn sold to Daniel Worms in 1730. It was from Daniel Worms that Barber Parlamen purchased in 1736-37. She is spoken of as a spinster of Hanover. A spinster in this case meaning a widow and Morris County was then Hanover Township, a part of Hunterdon County. Barber Parlamen as near as can be ascertained was the widow of Walter Parlamen, one of the eldest sons of a Johannes who settled in Hackensack about 1709-10 and who came to the Ramapoc region about 1714.

Johannes Parlamen received the tract from his mother Barber and it is thought that he was the builder of the early west unit; he increased the house by building the later east unit to accommodate his married children. He was married in 1755 at Belleville; the older unit was built about that time. Johannes died in 1805 and his homestead, according to his will in Trenton, descended to his son John who was born in 1760 and died in 1829. From John the property passed to his youngest daughter Anne, born in 1799, died in 1888. She married James Doremus in 1818 who later raised the roof of the house and added a half story of frame over the two earlier stone units. He also built the older half of the frame wing. The next owner was Sara Margaret Doremus who married in 1845 Josiah P. Hunton. The property passed to their daughter Ada who married Henry I. Clark in 1870. The present owner is their son. Thus the house has been owned by various members of the family since its erection.

An examination of the construction shows that the house was built at different dates. The west unit of the main house is of regular fieldstone. The east unit similar in size is of a roughly dressed stone. Each unit originally had its own outside door.

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